

APPROVED

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee
April 10, 2008

Members present: Harry Beyer, Gerry Boyle, Jim Coutre, Dinny McIntyre, Ken Miller, Barbara Pike, Andrea Siani, Jim Terry

Member absent: Elissa Brown

Others present: Marcia Rasmussen and a number of citizens

Temporary chair: Jim Terry

Recorder: Barbara Pike, Clerk

Materials distributed: CGA's 25% design for Article 28
Table of information about trail surfacing materials (Chapter 15: Recreation Trail Designs)

Moved, seconded, and approved: The minutes from March 20, 2008.

The Town's 25% design for the Selectmen's Article 27 will be updated to incorporate changes and errata. The Selectmen will finish and submit their motion on Article 27 to the Town Meeting Moderator.

Representatives of the AC have met with other Town committees and commissions: Historical Commission, Recreation Commission, Public Works Commission, and the Natural Resources Commission. A meeting with the Finance Commission is scheduled for April 17.

It was decided that the minutes that have been recorded from recent meetings are sufficiently detailed.

Marcia Rasmussen has written a memo to Chris Whelan regarding proposed MBTA Fitchburg commuter rail line improvements. The memo has been sent to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. Marcia reported that no changes for Concord or West Concord are included in the current MBTA \$150M upgrade package.

According to a recent Notice of Project Change, MassHighway has agreed to include the BFRT crossing of Route 2 from Wetherbee Street in Acton to Commonwealth Ave in Concord as part of the Rotary reconstruction project.

VHB's responses to the AC's questions were discussed. The AC will seek further clarification about the cost of the pedestrian ramp from Powder Mill Road and the diagrams showing the extent of clearing required on the trail.

The FAQ's were discussed. Andrea and Harry will work on the final draft and submit it to the Concord Journal for publication on April 17. The AC's FAQ's will replace the FAQ's currently on the Town website.

Moved, seconded, and approved (Yes, 7; No, 0; Abstain, 1): The AC recommends affirmative action on Article 27.

Moved, seconded, and approved (Yes 6; No 2): The AC takes no position on Article 28.

Moved, seconded, and approved (Yes 8; No, 0): The AC recommends affirmative action on Article 30.

Citizen comments: Dick Waters, Judy LaRocca, Jane Cullinane